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- 1. MISSION WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE COURSE OF ACTION SUGGESTED IN PARA 5 REFTEL.
- 2. AT WEEKLY DEPUTY POLADS' S MEETINGS IN BERLIN, US DEPUTY POLAD, SUPPORTED IN RECENT WEEKS BY BRITISH DEPUTY POLAD, HAVE RAISED ISSUE. FRENCH DEPUTY POLAD LASSUS REPEATS WEEKLY THAT HE CANNOT VERY WELL REPORT US:UK VIEWS FURTHER SINCE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP FAIRLY TRANSMITTED THESE VIEWS TO PARIS AND RECEIVED FLAT TURNDOWN. HE NEEDS, HE SAYS, SOME "NEW" ELEMENT ON WHICH TO PEG REPROT, I.E. A SHARPENING OF THE SITUATION OR A RENEWED FRG OR SENAT REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES. BONN'S PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION FITS INTO THIS FRENCH REQUIREMENT (THEY, LIKE WE AND BRITISH WERE BEFORE THEM. ARE A HOUSE DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE). US DEPURTY POLAD HAS REMARKED WITH RESPECT TO A POSSIBLE "SHARPENING" OF THE SITUATION CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT EACH TERRORIST INCIDENT HAS USUALLY BEEN PRECEDED BY RELATIVE CALM, I.E. NO INCIDENTS, AND THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT TERRORISTS ARE NOT PLANNING FURURE ACTIONS DURING THESE SUMMER MONTHS, JUST AS EACH TERRORIST ACTION IN PAST RESULTED FROM MONTHS OF PREPARATION. WHAT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD THEREFORE BE A RENEWED FRG REQUEST

THAT THOSE PROSECUTORS, JUDGES, AND COURT-APPOINTED
COUNSEL BE PROVIDED THE SAME FLEXIBILITY DURING MAJOR
TERRORIST TRIALS IN BERLIN THAT THEY WOULD ENJOY IN THE
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